THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The boundary between Assam Naga and stands defined in the State of Negaland Act, 1962. However, Nagaland Government have been claiming about 5000 square miles of adjoining areas of Assam on the ground that these were traditionally Naga areas wrongfully taken out of the erstwhile Naga Hills District by the former British Government by a notification issued in 1925.

(b) The Government are of the view that such disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end, the Central Government will extend all assistance to them.

Five-day week in Central Government Offices

307. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the five-day-week system after its implementation in ministries/departments/administrative offices of the Central Government, if so, what are the details regarding attendance of the officers and the employees;

(b) the extent to which efficiency has been improved through this system; and

(c) whether the switch over to five-day-week system has caused difficulties to general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The scheme has been introduced very recently. A meaningful evaluation as for example, saving in fuel, transport, electricity etc., and increase in efficiency, would be possible only after some time. Results of surprise checks by the Ministries/Departments just after the introduction of the 5-day week show that attendance has been satisfactory.

(c) The 5-day week scheme has been introduced only in the administrative offices and not operational offices. No instance of difficulties to the general public has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

Reconstitution of National Integration Council

308. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to reconstitute the National Integration Council;

(b) if so, the composition of the new Council; and

(c) by when it is likely to hold its first meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The matter is receiving attention.

Liberalisation of Visa-Policy for Non-Resident Indians

309. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have liberalised the visa policy for the non-resident Indian tourists;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such a decision; and

(c) the details of the concession given and restrictions relaxed for the NRI tourists?